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1. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting a workflow, said method comprising the steps of:

constructing a set of possible workflows meeting a workflow specification having a predetermined input and a required output, using components having defined inputs and outputs;

calculating a predetermined exposure measure for each of the possible workflows in the set of possible workflows; and

selecting the constructed set of possible workflow workflows for which the predetermined exposure measure is calculated to be a minimum.

2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of storing a library of components from which possible workflows can be constructed.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of defining an exposure measure to be representative of the an amount of information that a constructed workflow exposes.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of defining an exposure measure to be representative of ~~the~~ a duration for which a constructed workflow exposes information.

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5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of defining an exposure measure to be representative of the an amount of information that a constructed workflow exposes, and the a duration for which information is exposed.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer system for selecting a workflow comprising computer software recorded on a computer-readable medium ~~for performing the steps of~~, said computer system comprising:

means for constructing a set of possible workflows meeting a workflow specification having a predetermined input and a required output, using components having defined inputs and outputs;

means for calculating a predetermined exposure measure for each of the possible workflows in the set of possible workflows; and

means for selecting the constructed set of possible workflow workflows for which the predetermined exposure measure is calculated to be a minimum.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for selecting a workflow comprising computer software recorded on a computer-readable medium for performing the steps of:

constructing a set of possible workflows meeting a workflow specification having a predetermined input and a required output, using components having defined inputs and outputs;

calculating a predetermined exposure measure for each of the possible workflows in the set of possible workflows; and

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selecting the constructed set of possible workflow workflows for which the predetermined exposure measure is calculated to be a minimum.

Please add the following new claims:

8. (New) The computer system in claim 6, further comprising means for storing a library of components from which possible workflows can be constructed.
9. (New) The computer system in claim 6, further comprising means for defining an exposure measure to be representative of an amount of information that a constructed workflow exposes.
10. (New) The computer system in claim 6, further comprising means for defining an exposure measure to be representative of a duration for which a constructed workflow exposes information.
11. (New) The computer system in claim 6, further comprising means for defining an exposure measure to be representative of an amount of information that a constructed workflow exposes, and a duration for which information is exposed.

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12. (New) The computer program product in claim 7, further comprising the step of storing a library of components from which possible workflows can be constructed.
13. (New) The computer program product in claim 7, further comprising the step of defining an exposure measure to be representative of an amount of information that a constructed workflow exposes.
14. (New) The computer program product in claim 7, further comprising the step of defining an exposure measure to be representative of a duration for which a constructed workflow exposes information.
15. (New) The computer program product in claim 7, further comprising the step of defining an exposure measure to be representative of an amount of information that a constructed workflow exposes, and a duration for which information is exposed.